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SUBJECT: SPANGENBERG RUNDOWN

1. AT 31 MARCH LUNCHEON WITH ALLIED MINISTERS FRG
PLENIPOTENTIARY SPANGENBERG DESCRIBED PRESENT STATE OF PLAY
IN PUTTING TOGETHER PACKAGE ON BERLIN AND OTHER ITEMS TO BE
DISCUSSED WITH GDR. HE SAID HE AND WISCHNEWSKI ARE TO LOOK
AT WHOLE THING AGAIN 14 APRIL. ON 18 APRIL, CHANCELLOR AND
GENSCHER ARE TO DISCUSS WITH WEHNER AND MISCHNICK, MAKE
FINAL DECISION, AND GAUS WILL THEREAFTER DISCUSS WITH NIER.
SOME SPECIFICS:

A. GAUS WILL SAY SENAT PREPARED UP THE ANTE FOR VARIOUS
PENDING BERLIN PROJECTS, AND GDR SHOULD CONTACT SENAT IF
INTERESTED. HE WILL GIVE NO FINANCIAL OR OTHER DETAILS.
IMPLICATION IS THAT MORE OR LESS OF PACKAGE DEAL WITH
HIGHER AGGREGATE FINANCIAL ASPECT BEING PROPOSED, BUT
IT IS UP TO GDR TO WORK OUT WITH SENAT.

B. FRG WOULD LIKE START HAMBURG AUTOBAHN NEGOTIATIONS
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JANUARY 1978. ESTIMATE IS NEGOTIATIONS WILL TAKE TWO
YEARS, BY WHICH TIME HELMSTEDT RENOVATION WILL BE
FINISHED AND GDR PRESUMABLY READY TAKE ON NEW ROAD
PROJECT. SPANGENBERG SAID NIER HAD IN EFFECT ADMITTED
TO GAUS THAT SOME WINTER WORK ON AUTOBAHN HAD BEEN
SUB-STANDARD. FRG SIDE WILL BE PURSUING THIS FURTHER.

C. ON LONG-TERM ENERGY FOR BERLIN, SCHMIDT INSISTS THAT UNTIL BREZHNEV TELLS HIM "NO" ORALLY OR IN WRITING, HE DOES NOT CONSIDER KALININGRAD PROJECT DEAD. ASSUMING BREZHNEV EVENTUALLY DOES THIS, SCHMIDT WANTS WHOLE QUESTION FRESHLY ADDRESSED, WITH NO PRECONCEPTIONS ABOUT WHETHER ENERGY SHOULD BE IN FORM NATURAL GAS, NUCLEAR-PRODUCED ELECTRICITY, OR WHATEVER. IN MEANTIME, HE WANTS BERLIN TO GET ON FAST WITH SPANDAU POWER PROJECT, IN ORDER BUTTRESS FRG NEGOTIATING POSITION WHEN TIME COMES TO TALK TO SOVIETS, IRAN, GDR, OR WHOEVER ELSE ABOUT LONG-RANGE SUPPLY TO BERLIN ON ONE POSSIBILITY, FRG DELIVERY OF NUCLEAR PLANT TO GDR, SPANGENBERG SAID HE THOUGHT THIS KIND OF DEAL WOULD NOT BE PERMITTED, BY EITHER SOVIETS OR ALLIES.

2. SPANGENBERG COMMENTED AS FOLLOWS ON OTHER SUBJECTS:

A. ON MEETINGS IN REICHSTAG BUILDING AND ATTENDANT SENSITIVITIES, BUNDESTAG PRESIDENT CARSTENS IS SAID TO HAVE CONFIRMED HIS WILLINGNESS AND INTENTION MAKE KNOWN IN ADVANCE TO ALLIES ALL PLANNED MEETINGS, NOT MERELY BUNDESTAG COMMITTEES.

B. SPANGENBERG SAID HE HAS WORKED OUT AN ARRANGEMENT WITH MINISTRY OF JUSTICE WHEREBY ALL BERLIN-RELATED PROPOSALS OF HERR BUBACK AND COMPANY WILL BE MADE KNOWN TO ALLIES IN BONN GROUP CONTEXT BEFORE IMPLEMENTING OR OTHERWISE GOING PUBLIC.

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C. WILLY BRANDT PLANS COME TO BERLIN MID-MAY TO TALK TURKEY WITH SPD HERE ABOUT WHETHER OR NOT TO STICK WITH SCHUETZ AS LEADER FOR NEXT ELECTION STRUGGLE.

D. GAUS WILL STILL BE KEPT AROUND BUT WILL NOT PLAY KEY ROLE IN ANYTHING SIGNIFICANT WITH GDR. WISCHNEWSKI WILL TALK TO KOHL IN ADVANCE OF ANYTHING GAUS MAY DO WITH GDR. SPANGENBERG ALSO MADE VAGUE NOISES ABOUT POSSIBILITY WISCHNEWSKI COMING TO EAST BERLIN TO TALK TO GDR. ON GDR REPRESENTATION SIDE, HE SAID IT IS NOW LIKELIHOOD THAT KOHL AND NIER WILL CHANGE JOBS IN FALL.

E. A NEW HASSLE WITH GDR HAS ARISEN OVER LOCK REPAIRS AT ROTENSEE, BETWEEN BERLIN AND MITTELLAND CANAL. GDR WANTS FRG TO PAY BULK OF COSTS, SAYING IF THEY DO NOT DO SO, BARGE TRAFFIC WILL REGRETTABLY BE SLOWED DOWN.

F. OVER PAST SIX MONTHS, FALIN AND HIS STAFF HAVE SHOWN GREATLY STEPPED-UP INTEREST IN GERMAN-GERMAN

AND BERLIN AFFAIRS. SPANGENBERG PUT THIS IN CONTEXT
WELL-KNOWN FALIN-ABRASIMOV RIVALRY, IN WHICH HE NOTED
THAT ABRASIMOV HAS UPPER HAND BECAUSE OF HIS PARTY
POSITION. GEORGE

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